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<b>RE: Blonk et al., F7483(V)</b>	
Attached please find:  1. Amendment 2. Transmittal letter  for:  Applicant: <b>Blonk et al.</b> Serial No.: <b>09/889,977</b> Filed: <b>January 4, 2002</b> For: <b>QUICK COOKING RICE AND PROCESS TO MAKE</b> UNUS No.: <b>99-0332-UNI</b>	

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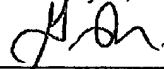
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**PATENT**

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**AMENDMENT**

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The following reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2004.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.